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SUBJECT: NAMIBIA: STATEMENT BY CHURCHES

1. THE ANGLICAN, LUTHERAN AND CATHOLIC CHURCHES IN NAMIBIA
HAVE ISSUED A JOINT STATEMENT TODAY, SEPTEMBER 8, CALLING FOR
THE EARLY IMPLEMENTATION OF THE WESTERN PROPOSAL.
THE STATEMENT SPECIFICALLY ENDORSES THOSE PROVISIONS IN THE
SECRETARY GENERAL'S PLAN WHICH HAVE BEEN OBJECTED TO BY THE SAG.
THE CHURCHMEN ASSERT THAT FAIR ELECTIONS COULD NOT BE HELD
BEFORE THE END OF THE YEAR, AND ENDORSED THE NEED FOR A
PROFESSIONAL UN POLICE CONTINGENT TO MONITOR THE SAG POLICE FORCE.
IN ADDITION, THE STATEMENT UNDERScoreD THE NEED FOR A UN
MILITARY CONTINGENT OF SUFFICIENT SIZE TO CARRY OUT ITS
MISSION AND SUPPORTED THE JUDGMENT OF THE SECRETARY GENERAL
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ON THIS ISSUE.

2. COMMENT: THIS COMPREHENSIVE STATEMENT WILL ADD TO THE
DIFFICULTY OF THE SAG RATIONALIZING OBJECTION TO THE SYG'S
PLAN ON THE BASIS THAT IT IS NOT ACCEPTABLE TO THE PEOPLE OF
NAMIBIA. WE AND THE BRITISH ARE ALERTING THE LOCAL PRESS TO
THIS STATEMENT IN AN EFFORT TO ENCOURAGE AS MUCH ATTENTION

TO IT AS POSSIBLE.

3. FULL TEXT BEING SENT BY SEPTTEL.
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